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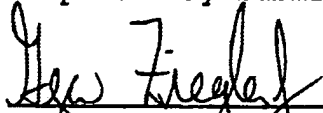
In any event, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, the Applicant provisionally (in view of the aforementioned defect in the Restriction) elects to continue prosecution of Subspecies 1A; Subspecies 1B; and Subspecies 2C.

Claims 1-14, 18, 19 and 23 read on FIGS. 3 and 5 and are generic. Claims 15-17 and 20-22 read on FIG. 5. In view of the above, all claims remain pending in this application.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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